

# KEEPING PACE WITH SPORTING EVENTS

## To Probe College Athletics

New York, Jan. 1.—College athletics will be subjected to a rigid investigation by the General Education Board according to plans which were discussed at the recent meeting here of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Dr. George E. Vincent, President of the Board, was one of the speakers at the convention and showed a deep interest in the organization. Professor Frank W. Nicholson, Secretary of the association, stated after the meeting that it was possible that the General Education Board would undertake the investigation at the request of the association.

It is understood that assurances have been received that the Foundation will furnish the necessary funds and that prominent college officials will conduct the investigation. The Collegiate Athletic Association is anxious to have the investigation started at this time because it is believed that such a plan would result in a new standard of intercollegiate competition which would be firmly established before old conditions can be resumed at the termination of the war.

It is certain that if this plan is carried out, great changes will follow in intercollegiate sports for, if the officials of the organization have their way, the practice of hypochondria in great athletic spectacles for the harvest that is reaped at the gate will be eliminated.

Professor Alonzo A. Stagg, director of athletics at the University of Chicago, was the originator of the suggestion to have athletic investigation by one of the Foundations just the same as other educational courses. Professor Stagg pointed out that physical education had become just as important as any other subject in the college curriculum. In his resolution to the National Collegiate Athletic Association he outlined his project as follows: "That the Executive Committee request one of the Foundations to make a survey of athletics in colleges, with particular reference to their moral influence."

Professor Stagg, in discussing his suggestion, stated: "It would be a wonderful thing if college athletics as a general survey of conditions were made and a standard established in college athletics which all colleges could follow. There are great evils to remedy in college sports and the only way they can be properly surveyed is with the co-operation of a great institution like the General Education Board."

"I consider that when a student comes to a college and takes an active part in his athletic life the college is responsible for that boy's actions. If following athletics he practices dishonesty as we know some of them do in several institutions, I believe that college is responsible for making a dishonest citizen of that boy. Such an investigation as this would impress the importance of physical education of the faculties of the different colleges and a general reform is sure to follow."

The interest which Dr. Vincent has taken in the doings of the organization has made it seem clear that the investigation will soon be made. The advantages of such a project would be of great importance.

If it were brought to the attention of the college faculties first hand that proselytizing of athletics and other same as other educational courses, many of the institutions of learning throughout the country, it is believed that the evil could be very quickly wiped out. The special interest in certain athletes to bring about winning teams to give this or that institution publicity is another practice which will come under the glare of the investigation. Professional coaching, which has always been frowned upon by many of the colleges, would also receive a hard blow, and it is certain that the future will not see as many high-priced coaches as in the past.

## 17-YEAR-OLD BOY BASEBALL COACH OF SHENANDOANS

One of the youngest baseball coaches in the country is Dawson J. Horne, a Marylander, who is holding down the job at Shenandoah College Institute, Dayton, Va. Horne claims to be just 17 years old and has refused offers from several league teams.

Last season the young coach was named as captain of the all-star team made up from the high schools of Frederick County. He twirled 54 innings for Middletown High last Spring and fanned 90 men and yielded 32 hits.

## MAY TRAIN WITH YANKEES

Toledo, Ohio, Jan. 1.—The Toledo pitchers and catchers may train with the New York Yankees next spring. Roger Bresnahan has about decided to follow the lead of the other club owners and train his team at home. The fact that the American Association season will not open until May 1 makes this possible, and while Bresnahan prefers to take all hands South he does not feel justified in doing so under the prevailing conditions.

Bresnahan and the pitchers will head South about April 1, leaving Danny Boone in charge of the stay at home.

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## INVITE BRIDGEPORT TARS TO COMPETE AT BIG FETE

Invitations were sent yesterday to the commanding officer of the naval station at Black Rock, asking him to select a team of sailor athletes for the Millrose A. A. indoor carnival in Madison Square Garden on January 22, the proceeds of which are to be donated for the purchasing of athletic equipment for military camps.

Invitations were also sent to Fort Hamilton, Hancock, Jay, Schuyler, Slocom, Totten, Wadsworth and Wood, and the naval stations at Fort Jefferson, Pelham Bay, Savilla, Bay Shore, Tompkinsville, Bensonhurst,

New Haven, Newport and Boston. The tug of war with ten men teams is expected to draw large entries from forts and naval stations about New York for competition in this sport is keen. The conditions of the Millrose tug of war will be as near as practicable to the "dirt pull" prevailing in military camps. Wooden cleats, one inch in thickness, will be nailed securely, one foot apart, to the floor, so that the men may pull in a standing position. Each side will be permitted to have what is commonly known as a "whimper" to direct the pulling.

## BROOKLAWN HOLDS FIRST CALL ON METROPOLITAN AMATEUR GOLF TOURNEY

North Shore Has Primary Claim On Open Tournament and Sivanoy On the Junior—Youngsters Will Be Given More Attention Than They Received Hitherto.

New York, Jan. 1.—This is the time of the year when the Metropolitan Golf association generally turns its attention toward the new season. The latter part of December or early in January usually sees the executive board get together and appoint committees, but because there will be no championship tournaments the chances are that the duties of the committees will be light. Regarding tournaments, the championships when held will be allowed to go to the clubs which have already been granted these attractions. Brooklawn has first claim on the amateur, North Shore on the open and Sivanoy on the junior.

An official of the Metropolitan Golf association said recently that no word has as yet been heard from Sivanoy with regard to the junior meeting, but that in the event of the Mount Vernon organization not caring to handle the affair the Richmond County Country club would be glad to entertain the youngsters. Last season the juniors were practically the only set of clubs which were encouraged to maintain the competitive side. Although both the Metropolitan and Massachusetts associations called off their junior tournaments, it is felt now, however, that in view of a partial changing of sentiment the "Met" body is likely to encourage a meeting among the junior members.

On the other hand, a goodly portion of the amateur championship winners in this country have either been collegians or young players. This has been more particularly so since the first promising lot of the younger school were developed, and began in 1902, when Louis James sprang a surprise winning at Glen View. Two years later H. Chandler Egan, a student at Harvard, won the amateur crown, and he repeated the following year. Then there was Robert Gardner, who first won the national title while at Yale.

Jerome Travers when he first won the U. S. G. A. amateur at Euclid in 1907 was only 21, while Francis Ouimet had not reached his majority when he eclipsed Vardon and Ray in that memorable playoff of the national open at Brookline. Charles Evans, Jr., won many honors as a youngster in the West, although it was not until 1916 that he finally won the amateur at Merion. Taking it all in all, therefore, the golfers in this country make their mark at a much earlier age than their cousins in Great Britain.

## ROSS BUYS MARATHON.

Cincinnati, Jan. 1.—One of the biggest turf days of the year was consummated yesterday when H. G. Bedwell, the Maryland trainer, purchased from J. B. Reppess, the great sire Marathon. Bedwell was acting for his employer, J. K. L. Ross of Canada, and the price was reported to be \$20,000. It was only a couple of weeks ago that Bedwell purchased the colt Cudgel for the same price and for the same man.

Marathon will be 14 years old Tuesday and is an imported horse by an imported sire of Ondulee, and is an imported son of Or. He is the sire of numerous good horses, including Jack Hare, Jr., Gipsy Queen, Desire and James Foster.

## TODAY IN PUGILISTIC ANNALS.

1908.—Johnny Coulon defeated Mike Orison in 6 rounds at Kansas City.

1910.—Johnny Kilbane defeated Tommy Kilbane in 15 rounds at Canton, Ohio.

1910.—Young Joseph defeated Jack Meekins in 8 rounds at London.

1911.—Joe Rivers knocked out Billy Capalle in the 6th round at Vernon, Cal.

1911.—Blink McCloskey defeated Beau in 10 rounds at Paris, France.

## Janvrin Enlists—Two Red Sox Infielders Left



Harold Janvrin, utility infielder of the Boston Red Sox baseball team, is now a member of the Three Hundred and First Signal Corps at Camp Devens. His enlistment leaves Larry Gardner and Everett Scott the only infielders on the team.

## HENDRICKS CARDINALS' NEW PILOT

St. Louis, Jan. 1.—The St. Louis Nationals will start the new year with their new manager, Jack Hendricks. After several months of dickering President Branch Rickey of the Cardinals was able to announce today that he had signed the Indianapolis manager, Hendricks, to manage the Cardinals.

Rickey was pleased that the matter was settled. "I wanted Hendricks if there was any possible chance to get him," said Rickey. "He is the man I always held uppermost in mind, as I like his work and think he will make a success of the Cardinals team."

Rickey paid nothing to Indianapolis for Hendricks' release. At one time President McGill of the Indianapolis club declared he would not let Hendricks go for less than \$15,000. At the end McGill seeing he was standing in the way of Hendricks' promotion, stepped aside and gave Hendricks free rein to accept Rickey's offer.

Hendricks began negotiations with Huggins as manager Rickey offered a salary of \$10,000 and a percentage of the club profits if they exceeded \$25,000. It is surmised that terms similarly liberal were made to Hendricks. Huggins left the St. Louis Nationals to manage the New York Americans.

Hendricks was born in Joliet, Ill., in 1876, and was graduated from Northwestern University law school. After practicing law three years in Chicago he entered professional baseball.

He went on the spring training trip with the New York Nationals in 1902, but John McGraw sent him to Columbus. In 1903 he played with Spokane and later that season with the Washington Americans.

In 1904 Washington released him, and in 1905 he managed the Springfield, Ohio, club. In 1907 he became manager of the Port Wayne, Ind., team, and in 1910 of the Denver club. Since 1914 he has managed the Indianapolis team, with which he won the pennant last season.

Hendricks announced that Roger Hornsby would remain with the St. Louis team. It recently was reported that President Weeghman of the Chicago club offered \$75,000 for Hornsby. Hendricks said that at present he had no intention of bringing any of the Indianapolis players to St. Louis.

## Bobby Byrne's Birthday.

Robert M. Byrne, for several years third baseman, first with the Pirates and then with the Phillies, was born in St. Louis 32 years ago today. Byrne broke into professional baseball in 1904, when he played with Fort Scott, Kan., in the Western Association. He was with Springfield, Mo., in 1905, taking turns behind the bat and also playing first and short and in the outfield. The next year he went to Shreveport, Pa., which then had a club in the Southern Association, as a shortstop. His work there was so good that he was called into the big show in 1907, covering third base for the St. Louis Cardinals. In 1908 he was swapped to the Pirates. He remained in the Snooky city until 1913, when a mid-season deal sent him to Philadelphia. Byrne played a good game with the Phillies although he never figured as an infield star. Bobby is now conducting a bowling establishment in St. Louis.

## McGovern-Rice Battle.

Terry McGovern stopped Austin Rice in 14 rounds at Brooklyn on Dec. 31, 1898, just 19 years ago yesterday. "Terrible Terry" was then just starting as a boxer, and in Rice he took one of the best men of his weight then in the ring. Terry's first professional bout was with Harry Forbes, and he knocked him out in the 15th chapter. A little later he won the bantam championship of America, and defeated all comers. It was while he was bantam title holder that Terry offered to take on Peadar Palmer, the British featherweight champion. Terry easily defeated the clever little Englishman.

## EIGHT CLUBS WILL RECEIVE SHARE IN BIG SERIES MONEY

Johnson and Herrmann Adopt New Plan for Annual Baseball Classic to Increase Competition Between Teams in Second Division and Keep Alive Interest in Game All Season.

A radical change in the division of the players' share of the world's series receipts, by which members of the winning team will receive fixed sums of \$2,000 and members of the losing team fixed sums of \$1,500, was decided upon yesterday in Chicago by August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, and Ban B. Johnson, president of the American League. Herrmann and Johnson recently were appointed a committee by the joint meeting of the major leagues in Chicago to act on the suggestion of John K. Tener to divide world's series receipts among non-contending players.

According to the change adopted by Herrmann and Johnson the remainder of the purse will be divided on a graded scale among the players of the teams finishing second, third and fourth. Tener's original proposition included all of the teams with the exception of the fallenders. The new plan will be given a tryout next fall and will be made permanent if it proves satisfactory.

The money divided among the other first division players will depend entirely on the size of the gate, as the sums of the winners and losers is fixed, and will remain the same whether the games are played at the largest or smallest parks.

The radical nature of this change may be appreciated when it is considered that the winning White Sox players, received \$3,673 last fall and the losing Giant players \$2,449. The high water mark for winning players was in 1912, when each of the Boston Red Sox pulled down more than \$4,900, while in 1916 each of the losing Brooklyn players took in a sum in excess of \$2,800.

Incidentally this big purse paid the losing Brooklyn players in 1916 is really the direct reason for the Brooklyn club's active participation in the series. It was defeated decisively by the Red Sox.

There was much adverse criticism at the time about the losing players getting so much money for five days' play that President Tener devised a scheme by which the active participants of the series would get about 60 per cent. of the players' purse, the rest to be divided among the other players.

The National league adopted Tener's scheme at its annual meeting last

winter, but the American league would not sanction it. Ban Johnson taking the stand that "to the victors belong the spoils." However, the 1917 world's series again convinced Tener that the contesting players drew entirely too much for the amount of work involved, and he again put his proposition before the National league which again recommended its adoption. Ban Johnson again fought the idea at first, but Garry Herrmann later explained its benefits and converted him to the proposition.

In connection with the new arrangement it might be added that the club owners will get no more out of the series than formerly.

In discussing the action of the Chicago conference Tener said he was well pleased. "I have long taken the stand that the world's series purses have outgrown the rules under which they were devised," said Tener. "The men who originally framed the world's series rules had no idea that individual winning players would receive \$4,000 and losing players \$2,800. Such sums for a week's work are entirely out of proportion to baseball values, and for that reason I fought for a change. I believe a portion of the world's series money could be utilized in making players fight for every position right to the end of the season."

Tener's object will be attained. The players on the second place team will get something like \$700 a player if the series is played in large cities, and if clubs are out of the pennant fight they will fight as hard for that sum as for the pennant. The fourth place team will get around \$300 a player and the scramble to get in the first division will be keener than ever before. There will be no more hypochondria after the race is won.

On the whole the change is welcomed by the players themselves. There are only a certain percentage of players that ever get into the series. Stars like Lajoie and Walter Johnson have never been in a series, yet Johnson's remarkable pitching enabled Washington, a chronic second division team, to rise as high as second in 1912 and 1913 and kept the club in the first division until 1915. Under the new system such work would be rewarded by a substantial check at the end of the season.

## FOULS TABOOS FOR BIG MEN'S BATTLE TONIGHT

New York, Jan. 1.—There is excellent reason for the belief that no foul blows will be struck tonight when Fred Fulton and Harry Tate meet in a 10-round bout at Little Rock, Ark. The basis for this impression is found in a clause of the articles of agreement which provides that if either man is adjudged guilty of foul tactics his share of the purse will be sent to the Red Cross.

As neither of these patriotic gentlemen has ever made a move to give a single penny to the Red Cross nor any other military organization, the indications are that each will exercise scrupulous care in the delivery of blows.

Aside from the probability of a lack of fouling, the bout will give Fulton a chance to prove that he is the master of Tate which he must do before he seriously can be considered as a dangerous opponent for Willard or any other heavyweight of class.

Collins, manager of Fulton, promises that the Minnesota will most thoroughly trounce Tate this afternoon, and declares that the charge of foul play in the Christmas Day bout was undeserved by Fulton.

Replying to Collins' statement, W. N. Stone of the Little Rock Democrat, who was at the ringside, says: "That is Collins' bull." Fulton was bested from the start and committed a foul as a last resort."

## OUT OUT POLITICS MYRICK'S ADVICE

New York, Jan. 1.—"Politics should not play any part in tennis affairs in this period of war stress," said Julian S. Myrick, Acting President of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, yesterday in commenting on reports of keen rivalry for the Presidency of the association.

He issued a statement which he issued, that the association should unanimously support the candidate for President who is selected by the Nominating Committee and says that he will not allow his own name to come before the annual meeting in February in any other way. Attention is called to the fact that the turbulent times require that all should bend their energies to making the season of 1918 a success, and that personal prejudices should not be allowed to interfere with the good of the association.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.—Jack Hendricks, manager of the Indianapolis American association team, signed a contract today to manage the St. Louis Nationals next season.

## YANKEES WILL BE ON DIET AT TRAINING CAMP

New York, Jan. 1.—When the Yankees go to Macon, Ga., to train next spring, they will be the centre of attraction at a camp of 40,000 soldiers. Camp Gordon at Macon is only a few miles from the baseball park and it is expected that the ball players will entertain some of the soldiers at every day's practice.

Harry Sparrow, secretary of the Yankees, returned from Georgia yesterday where he has been spending a vacation and also making arrangements for the spring trip. He has made arrangements with the hotel at Macon to introduce his new diet scheme which he believes will be of great benefit to the ball players. Food will be Hooverized in the Yankee camp if Sparrow's plans are carried out.

Secretary Sparrow reports that the railroad conditions in the South are unsettled and that when the tour of the Yanks and Braves is arranged it will include cities and training camps on the direct route as it will be impossible for the clubs to do much barnstorming. Sparrow was to have met Secretary Haggard of the Braves in the South last week, but because of the poor railroad facilities, the two secretaries found it impossible to get together. The trip will have to be arranged by wire.

## BEST JOCKEY IN AUSTRALIA HERE

The same steamer that brought Eddie McCorty back to San Francisco had as a passenger Ed Moon, the leading cross-country jockey of Australia. He carries with him a letter from W. F. Corbett, sporting expert of the Sydney Referee, in which he is labelled as Australia's best cross-country jockey, and when W. F. Corbett makes that assertion it means something.

Moon says he would like to do some riding in this country, but he fears his weight—135 pounds—is against him. He hazards the guess that Walter Miller, who went to Australia on the last steamer, will find himself too heavy for any riding. The best boys on the flat, according to Moon, weigh in the neighborhood of 105 pounds.

## MURRAY MAY LEAD SOX.

Billy Murray, formerly manager of the Phillies and a scout for the Boston Red Sox, is mentioned in baseball circles here as a likely successor to Jack Barry as manager of the Sox world's champions.

## Walter Camp Picks an All Service Team

Walter Camp, Yale's football mentor, has picked an All-American service team in place of an All-American intercollegiate team for Collier's Weekly this year.

Explaining this, Mr. Camp says: "In an editorial conference it was determined that out of deference to conditions prevailing in this country the annual selection of the All-American team would be omitted. The writer's notes have been made, however, and it may be that some time in the future it will seem proper to fill up the hiatus in a series of All-American teams selected annually since 1889."

Mr. Camp's all-America service team follows:

Ends—Rasmussen, Nebraska, and Camp Grant and Gardiner, Carlisle and Camp Custer.

Tackles—Beckett, Oregon and Marc Island and West Colgate and Camp Dix.

Guards—Black, Colgate and Newport Naval Reserve and Allendinger, Michigan and Fort Sheridan.

Centre—Callahan, Yale and Newport Naval Reserve.

Quarterback—Watkins, Colgate and Mineola Aviation Camp.

Halfbacks—Casey, Harvard and Boston Navy Yard and Minot, Harvard and Camp Devens.

Fullback—Smith, Michigan and Great Lakes Training Station.

After reviewing the season Mr. Camp names some of the stars of the intercollegiate season and his All-American team can be guessed from the names mentioned first. It would follow:

Ends—Robeson, Rutgers and Weeks, Brown.

Tackles—Henry, Washington and Jefferson, and Hauser, Minnesota.

Guards—Sles, Pittsburgh, and Rolins, Rutgers.

Centre—Bailey, West Virginia.

Quarterback—Bell, Pennsylvania with Boynton, Williams, second.

Backs—Guyon, Georgia Tech; McLaren, Pittsburgh, and Berry, Pennsylvania.

That kind of kids, the bat-boy.

That following you hear in the distance is "Wild Bill" Donovan getting his voice in trim for his managerial duties.

Bobby Roth of Cleveland is here with handed the crown for fanning more times than any other player in the American League this year. Bobby has 73 strikeouts to his "credit."

Watch for the fireworks during the National Commission convolve in Cincinnati on Jan. 6.

If Yeann Gregg stages a comeback for Connie Mack he's going to have a big rose pinned on his manly bosom. The lanky southpaw has done good work in the minors, but he hasn't done much in the major leagues since 'way back in 1913.

Baseball politics, no less than the other kind, makes strange bedfellows.

No winter league stuff for Cactus Cravath. Pat Moran is going to hang on to every player he can, and there is very little likelihood of Cravath's being released to play in the Pacific Coast League, as he wanted to do.

Christy Mathewson is banking on young players to help his Reds during the 1918 campaign. One pitcher upon whom he places much reliance is Eddie Gerner, who was last season with the Montreal club of the International League. Gerner was one of the hardest workers in the league and was able to win about half his games for a team that was a failure from the start. As soon as the announcement was made that the International League was ready to blow up Mathewson opened negotiations with club owners in that league for the purpose of picking up players.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—It is now Captain James F. Meredith, not of the Penn track team, but of Uncle Sam's flying forces in France, and the one-time hero of the cinder path is now a hero of the aviation corps, actually flying over the trenches on the battle front in France.

This information was contained in a letter just received by J. Howard Berry another Penn hero who recently joined an ambulance corps. The information in the letter that he had been raised to the rank of captain and had been flying on regular army assignments.

TESCHNER NOT TO RUN.

Ayer, Mass., Jan. 1.—Lieut. Edward Teschner, former Harvard sprinter and captain of the track team, will be unable to represent the Harvard Association track meet at New York, Jan. 23. He will undergo an operation for appendicitis some time this week. Teschner had been selected as a member of the relay team.